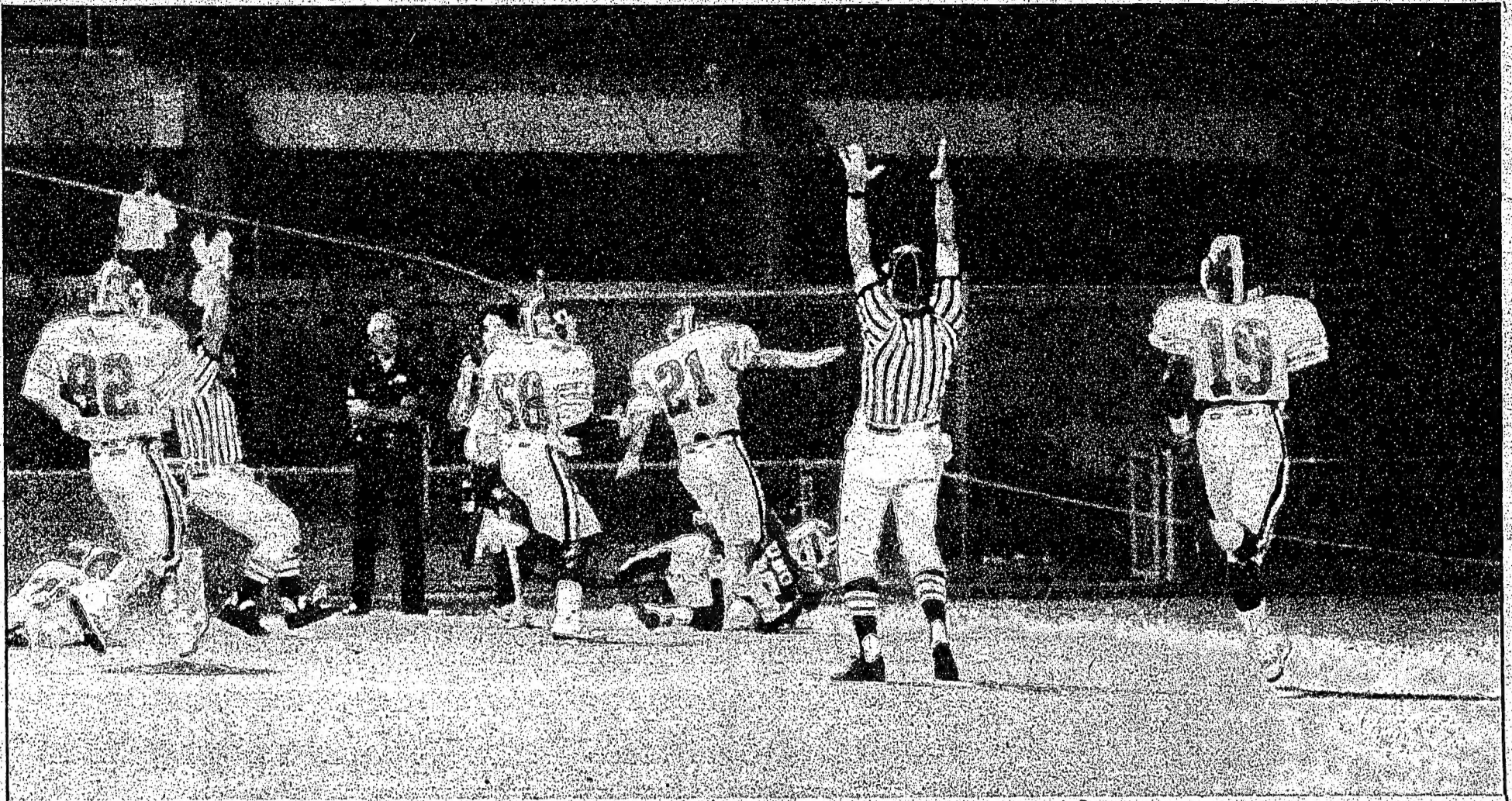


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Reflections on  
a sunken ship.  
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—Roger Tunis

## And another touchdown makes four

UNO split end James Quaites lands in the end zone for a touchdown at the feet of Central Missouri State's Mark Hulet (No. 21). The score came early in the third quarter on a 21 yard pass from quarterback Scott Jamieson giving UNO a 26-6 lead. UNO won the game 34-6. See story, page 8.

## V.A. employee considering options

By MARY APOSTOL

A difficult decision lies before Nadyne Gates — should she keep her job with the university or go elsewhere for better pay?

Despite a registration-week petition drive by several members of the Pen and Sword society, the question remains whether Gates will continue to contribute her services to the Veterans Administration office much longer.

Gates thinks there is a discrepancy between her salary and the duties for which she is responsible.

According to Financial Aid director and Gates' supervisor, Phillip Shreves, her formal job title is clerical assistant for financial aid. She works mainly with veterans affairs, processing paperwork for veterans receiving GI Bill benefits. She also oversees nine work-study students.

Gates, whose salary is for "C-line" secretarial work, thinks her responsibilities go beyond what she is being paid for. "I'm not asking to be paid for a 'B-line' (supervisor and above) job. I just feel that I deserve just a little more for what I do," she said.

Phil Asta, project director of the Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, and former VA coordinator at UNO, said that Gates is a valuable asset to the university.

"There's no doubt in my mind that Nadyne Gates is the most effective and efficient in understanding veteran affairs. She's a professional at understanding the complexity of veterans aid regulations regarding the receipt of GI Bill benefits," Asta said. "She's responsible for three to four million dollars. The university would be at a tremendous loss if she was to leave."

Shreves, however, said that Gates' situation is not uncommon. "Because of our staffing situation, we have clerical assistants with major responsibilities," he said. "Some of my clerical assistants are handling multi-million dollar programs."

Shreves also said that it works best to have the work-study students in financial aids answer to the clerical assistants. "Nadyne is not the exception," he said. "She is the rule."

The crux of the controversy lies in a 1984 decision by Robert Pike, former financial aids director, to turn down an \$8,100 federal grant which would have provided the university with funding for the veterans affairs program.

The grant, administered by the U.S. Department of Education, was called the Veterans Cost of Instruction Program (VCIP). To receive the grant money, the university had to maintain an independent veterans affairs office with a full-time VA coordinator, and provide services such as an educational counseling program and an outreach program that referred veterans to community-assistance programs.

According to Vice Chancellor Richard Hoover, UNO had pursued the grant since 1975. He said that over the years Congress reduced the money put into the program and at the same time, the number of veterans using the GI Bill declined nationally.

Consequently, many institutions throughout the U.S. eliminated their veterans programs.

Hoover said UNO stayed in the program longer because there was a higher number of veterans attending the university. However, when the university was offered only \$8,100, and was still bound by the stipulations, "there was no way the program could be maintained," Hoover said.

"There were more stipulations than money to fund them. At the same time UNO was experiencing funding reductions each year and had no additional funds to contribute to veterans affairs," Hoover said.

Hoover said the decision to eliminate the program came out of necessity, but the university hasn't eliminated its concern for the veterans.

"Nadyne Gates, the veterans affairs clerk, was moved to Financial Aids to continue servicing the aid for veterans under the GI Bill. The job placement service works to help veterans find jobs and the counseling center works with veterans on their personal problems," Hoover said. "The only thing new is that the services are no longer concentrated in one independent office."

Shreves, who took over the position of financial aids director in June of this year, agreed with the 1984 decision.

According to Shreves, the veteran population at UNO under the GI Bill in 1975 was 3,200. The university received \$66,000 from VCIP which was "plenty to run a good veterans program."

Now, the veteran population is down to about 600. Shreves said that it would be inefficient and difficult to adhere to the VCIP regulations on only \$8,100.

"Those 600 vets are important to us but there's another 1,400 students we also care about," Shreves said. "The cuts are felt everywhere and the vets need to take their share."

Shreves, a veteran who financed his master's degree with veteran benefits, recognizes the importance of veterans affairs.

"Financial Aids is a complicated arena. There are many types of aid that I have to juggle around," Shreves said. "Veterans assistance is just one type of financial aid. It has its own special regulations and policies. I count on Nadyne to learn those, and know them, and do her job," he said.

Shreves explained that the university is experiencing a budget crunch with some serious financial cutbacks.

"Sometimes we'd like to pay our staff more, but right now it's hard," Shreves said. "There's no way we could match the salaries of private industry."

"What's important to me is that my staff is happy and enjoy what they're doing," Shreves said. "If that's not so, then maybe they'd be happier elsewhere. It's a personal decision on the part of the staff member," he said.

"And," he added, "anyone is replaceable. It might take some time, but we'll survive. We have to carry on."

## Attention!

By SUSAN KUHLMANN

If you're a student who needs to take the English Diagnostic Test (EDT) or the Math Placement Exam (MPE) before early registration in November, take note.

Although there are three test dates scheduled prior to the spring semester (Sept. 13, Oct. 12, and Nov. 8), not all results will be available for early registration.

Only the Sept. 13 scores in English, and the Sept. 13 and Oct. 12 mathematics results will be completed by November.

Consequently, an additional testing date has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28, with results available by early registration.

According to Joe Davis, vice chancellor for Student Development Services, the testing schedule for the entire academic year is set up at the beginning of the school year.

"I feel like it's my responsibility that we didn't anticipate the impact of (early) registration and its effect on students," he said.

As a result, he said, the Sept. 28 test was added to allow students one more opportunity to take the two exams. Students are asked to register for that test date by Sept. 20.

Davis said the Sept. 6 registration deadline for the Sept. 13 test will also be extended, making the test available to as many students as possible.

Results of later testing dates will be available for the central registration in January.

Davis explained that the mathematics test and the "pencil and paper" part of the English exam can be corrected by computer, with results available in a 24-hour period.

However, he said, the essay portion of the English exam is read, analyzed and scored by UNO English professors. Because they have additional responsibilities, Davis said a minimum 30-day period is necessary for the grading to be completed. Therefore, tests must be administered at least one month before registration.

According to the guidelines from the English department, "All regularly admitted first year students must take the EDT before registering for any English class, except 200-225. Transfer students with fewer than six hours of composition and currently enrolled students should take the EDT during their initial semester of enrollment."

Students must take the MPE if they are required or are planning to take a mathematics course. The requirement is waived for students who have received a grade of C or above in any mathematics course other than Math 100 or Math 143.

For further information, or to register for the tests, stop in at the Eppley Administration Building, Room 113 or call 554-2409.





### Speaker addresses international students

UNO student, Sarah Kovoor from India, listens to speaker Sue Linehan, chairwoman for Friends of International Students and Scholars.

—Roger Tunis

## UNO tuition lower next year

Lincoln—Depending upon which University of Nebraska campus you attend next year, 1986-87 tuition is going up — or down — or staying the same. The Board of Regents approved tuition rates at its Sept. 6 meeting as part of a proposed \$509.7 million budget for the 1986-87 fiscal year.

Tuition will decline 5 percent for UNO students beginning in fall 1986, returning rates to the 1985-86 level. A 5 percent tuition surcharge expires then, and no permanent increase for UNO tuition was approved by the board. NU officials have said in the past UNO's tuition is already close to what "peer institutions" — universities similar to UNO — charge.

For undergraduates, UNO tuition is as follows: Nebraska residents, \$43.75 per credit hour; non-residents, \$119 per credit hour. Tuition for 1986-87 will be reduced to \$41.75 per credit hour for resident undergraduates and \$113.25 per credit hour in non-resident undergraduates.

UNO graduate students pay \$54.25 per credit hour for Nebraska residents and \$129.50 per credit hour for non-residents. In 1986-87, graduate students will pay \$51.75 per credit hour for residents and \$123.25 per credit hour for non-resident students.

Per-quarter tuition rates for the NU School of Technical Agriculture also return to 1985-86 rates. This year, residents pay \$259 per quarter; non-residents pay \$518 per quarter. In 1986-87, residents will pay \$247 per quarter; non-residents, \$493 per quarter.

Pharmacy students at the Medical Center will face the largest tuition increase of all. College of Pharmacy tuition per semester is currently \$830 for Nebraska residents and \$2,223 for non-residents. During the 1986-87 fiscal year, per-semester tuition will be \$1,204 for

residents and \$3,225.50 for non-residents; an increase of about 55 percent.

Medical Center tuition increased 27.8 percent in the College of Medicine, 22.5 percent in the dental college, 20 percent for undergraduate nursing and 10 percent for nursing graduate students.

Tuition for the College of Law in Lincoln will increase 15 percent from this year's rates. Ten percent increases are in store for UNL graduate students and Medical Center undergraduates.

Tuition for UNL undergraduates will remain the same next year. The 5 percent surcharge will be replaced by the permanent tuition increase; no additional increases were added.

In other business, the Board of Regents:

—Approved a telecommunications system for UNO and the Medical Center at a cost of nearly \$5 million. The proposal to replace the Medical Center and UNO systems was first brought before the board last spring. Approval of the system at Friday's meeting included an amendment requiring the cost of the system to be reduced by more than \$360,000.

—A capital construction budget was approved. If funds are available, the eight projects on the priority list would cost \$6 million next year. Total cost of the projects after completion is \$23.8 million.

UNO-related projects include: fire and life safety projects on all campuses, \$905,900; computer equipment for all campuses, \$1.2 million; classroom and teaching lab improvement for UNO and UNL, \$688,700; utilities replacement and equipment for all campuses, \$943,000; and remodeling of Allwine Hall, Engineering Building and Arts and Sciences Hall, \$15,000.

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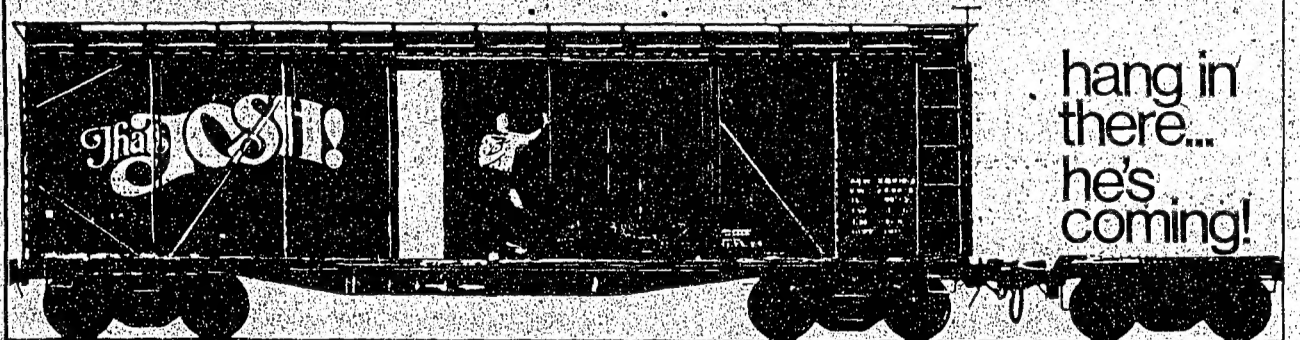
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# Rocky horror

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Deadline to register for the trip is Sept. 14. For more information, contact the Outdoor Venture Center, HPER Building Room 100, or call 554-2258.

## Button up, pardner!

River City Roundup buttons are on sale for \$1 each through the Student Center Box Office, Room 124 of the Student Center. The buttons offer free and/or reduced admission to River City Roundup events and a chance to win \$1,000.

## Rhodes to success

UNO students can now pick up applications for the 1985 competition for the Rhodes Scholarships. Rhodes Scholars are appointed for two years of study at the University of Oxford.

To be eligible, an applicant must be a United States citizen, single, between 18 and 24 by Oct. 1, 1985, and assured that his or her bachelor's degree will be completed before Oct. 1, 1986.

Applications are available in the Educational and Student Services Office, Eppley Administration Building, Room 211. Applications should be mailed as early as possible and postmarked no later than Oct. 31.

## Get in the swim

Swimming lessons for children will be offered through Campus Recreation. Classes will be held on Saturdays, Sept. 21 through

Nov. 23. Cost is \$12.50 per child. Parents must be students, faculty, staff or holders of a current activity card. To register, stop in the Campus Recreation Office, HPER Building Room 100.

## No shuttle here

The shuttle bus stop at 60th and Dodge Streets has been discontinued until reconstruction of 60th Street is completed. Pedestrians will not be allowed to move from Elmwood Park to Arts and Sciences Hall and Kayser Hall across the 60th Street construction area. Pedestrians can still reach campus from Elmwood Park via the southeast access road behind the HPER Building.

## A singles racquet

Today is the deadline to sign up for intramural tennis singles. Intramurals are set up as a men's and women's single elimination tournament. All matches are scheduled at your leisure. There is a \$5 forfeit/deposit for each person. For more information or to sign up, call Campus Recreation, 554-2539.

## Running away

How far can you jog in one hour? Find out by participating in the Third Annual UNO Jog-a-thon/Walk-a-thon Oct. 12 before the Homecoming football game. For more information or to sign up, call the Athletic Department, 554-2305.

## Apply for degrees

Graduate students who wish to graduate Dec. 21 must apply for their degree in the Registrar's Office, Eppley Administration Building, by Oct. 4. Graduate students are asked to call the Graduate Office (554-2341) to make sure all materials needed

are on file.

## Tell us about it

Is your organization planning an event? Does your department have an important message for students, faculty or staff? Let *The Gateway* help get the word out. Send your notices and press releases to What's Next, *The Gateway*, UNO, Annex 26, Omaha, Neb. 68182. Priority is given to campus events. Deadline for the Wednesday issue is Friday, 5 p.m. Deadline for the Friday issue is Tuesday, 5 p.m. Notices are published as space is available.

Mike Dowd



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# Comment

## Unfair advantage

The university giveth, and the university taketh away.

UNO, at last, is giving the students something many of them have wanted for years—computerized registration. That's the good news. No more worries about having to wait three semesters to get the last few classes needed to graduate. No more long lines at the Fieldhouse.

The bad news, of course, is that you're going to have to cough up that \$250 deposit even earlier. If you can't come up with the dough, it's back to the long Fieldhouse lines.

It may not have started out that way, but the early-registration system discriminates against the poorer student. The students with the bucks will walk away with the most desirable, most needed classes. Those of us without a spare \$250 hanging around the house are going to be out of luck.

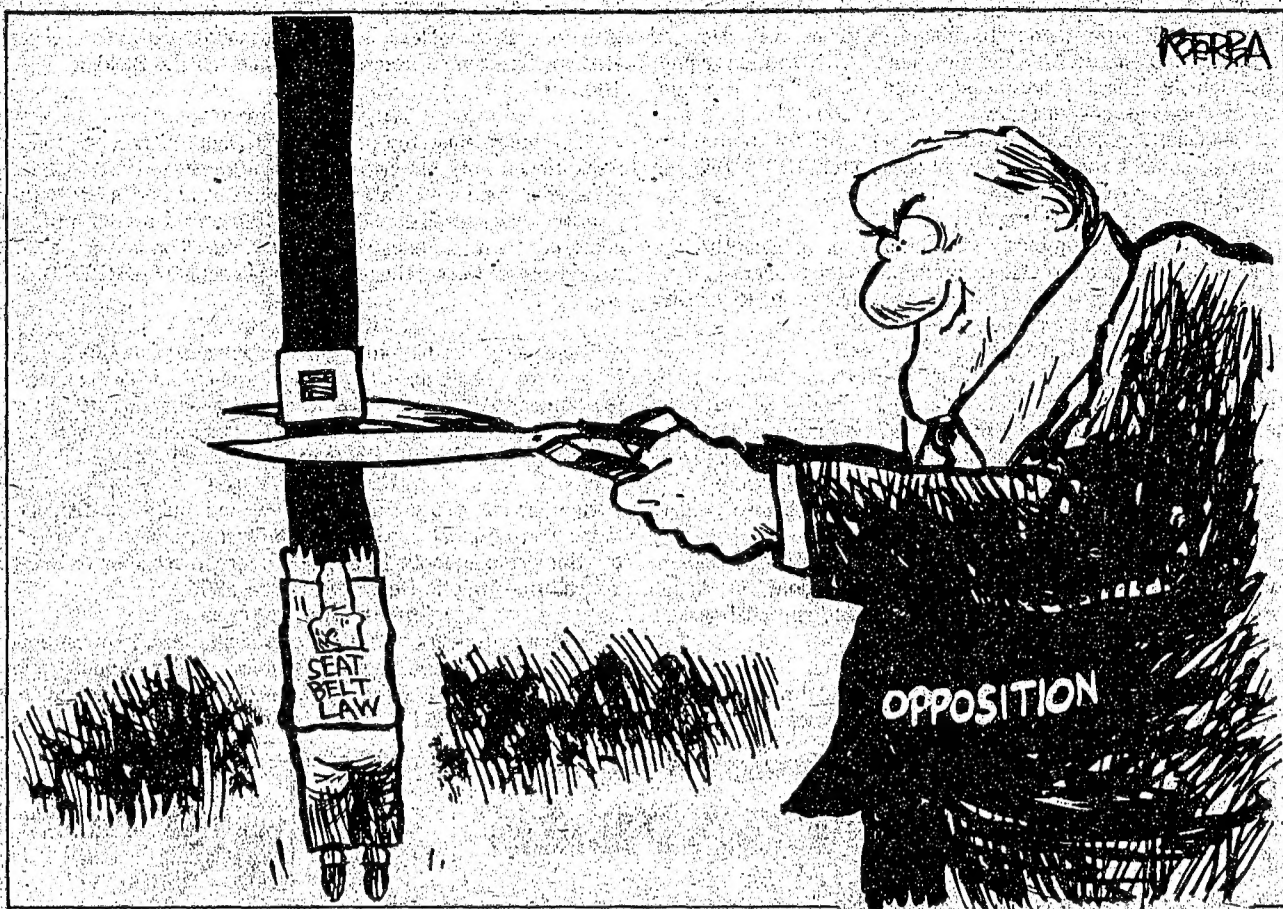
On the other hand, education is no longer just education—it's a business. The purpose of a business is to make a profit.

If enough people can't get the classes they need in order to graduate, they may not be able to graduate in four years (assuming they're full-time students). That means the university could be collecting tuition from these students for one, two, three or more extra semesters.

It doesn't sound much different than what happens to some students under the present registration system, does it? The difference is, under the present system, all students had the same chance at getting classes. Under the computerized system, only the students who can afford it have a chance to get the classes they need.

Early registration is still a good idea. In order to make it workable and fair to all students, rich or poor, the financial bugs need to be worked out.

—KAREN NELSON



## World's self-assurance went down with the 'Titanic'

April, 1912. William Howard Taft was President of the United States. Europe's problems had yet to erupt into World War I. Nicholas II was Czar of all the Russias.

And on the starlit night of 14 April, 1912, the "unsinkable" Royal Mail Steamer *Titanic*—the largest, most magnificent liner of her time—was slicing through the black, icy waters of the North Atlantic on her maiden voyage, bound for New York City.

At 11:40 p.m., the *Titanic* hit an iceberg that tore a 300-foot gash in her starboard hull. About 2½ hours later, she plunged to a watery grave 2½ miles deep. There were 705 survivors; more than 1,500 people died in the 28-degree waters.

Today, almost 75 years after she sank, the story of the *Titanic* still fascinates. Last week, of course, the *Titanic* was located. But persons associated with the U.S.-French team that found the *Titanic* said they wanted to leave it undisturbed. Some have said any attempts to recover either the ship or any of her contents would be like desecrating a grave.

It has been estimated that the *Titanic's* safes contain from \$100 million to \$200 million worth of valuables, but that raising the *Titanic*

would exceed the value of the ship and its contents combined.

I asked Charles Haas, president of the *Titanic* Historical Society and a New Jersey high school English and journalism teacher, about the possibility of someone raising the *Titanic*, turning her into a floating museum—restored or not—and recouping the recovery cost by charging admission.

The cost of raising the *Titanic* has been estimated at \$4 billion, Haas said, adding that he knew of no museum that, since its inception, has generated \$4 billion in admissions.

When I asked Haas, who is preparing a soon-to-be-published book about the *Titanic*, why raising the ship would be so expensive, he attributed the \$4 billion cost in part to the very costly insurance required when working so deep in the ocean.

But, Haas said, "The other, much more basic question is, 'Why?' Why do it (raise the ship)?" Haas said he favors leaving the *Titanic* undisturbed in memory of the disaster, "particularly after having talked with eight survivors in my lifetime and sensing that the (tragedy is) still very painful for them."

"They bid loved ones goodbye on that ship

... and now we're going to bring it back up and restore it like it was," he said. "It's like having a ghost in front of them (survivors)."

"Bringing the *Titanic* up is akin to ... digging up a cemetery and putting the contents on the back of a flatbed truck and tooling around the country ..."

Haas posits some persuasive arguments for leaving the *Titanic* undisturbed. But I believe that the *Titanic* someday will be raised, for better or worse. If, as announced, the team that found the ship does not attempt to raise it, someone else will.

If the cost of raising the *Titanic* is indeed so expensive at present, perhaps, as more expertise is acquired working at such ocean depths, the cost could decrease.

Without intending to minimize the grief that the 21 living *Titanic* survivors undoubtedly still feel, the question should be asked: Is the *Titanic* a better memorial beneath 13,000 feet of water, or in the stark light of day—with the damage unrepaired—as solemn testimony to a horrendous tragedy that should never be repeated?

The *Titanic* disaster did have some beneficial results. Maritime safety regulations were

given overdue scrutiny and were improved.

British Board of Trade regulations required that the *Titanic* have only enough lifeboats for 962 persons. The White Star Line fitted the *Titanic* with lifeboats enough for 1,178 people, but even that was only 53 percent of 2,207 (including both passengers and crew) aboard, and only 30 percent of the *Titanic's* 3,900-plus capacity.

After the *Titanic* sank, sufficient lifeboats would be required. The International Ice Patrol was created. And the winter-spring trans-Atlantic steamer routes were shifted farther south, away from the lanes where icebergs were a common hazard.

And "class distinction" during disasters at sea disappeared. According to some accounts, the *Titanic's* poor, steerage passengers, were kept below decks until, for many, it was too late. Indeed, the death toll among third-class steerage children was higher than that of adult male first-class passengers.

But there was chivalry, too. The elderly (and wealthy) Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Straus—of Macy's department store fame—were two of the *Titanic's* first-class passengers.

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## Op Ed

## Do you need ACLU permission to stay in the U.S.?

After Walter Polovchak lost his legal case in July, the president of the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union (NCLU), magnanimously declared, "The matter is returned to the proper forum, the Polovchak family."

But Walter Polovchak himself "remains adamant (I wrote in a July column) about living a life of such mere pastimes as human freedom." Walter's lawyers planned to use every legal device they could marshal to delay the process of return until he turns 18 years old this fall, by which time he will be able to apply for lawful American citizenship.

You see, back in 1980 Walter Polovchak did something which, for a 12-year-old boy, was unheard of: He defected from the Soviet Union.

He arrived, with his Ukrainian family, in Chicago, where two sisters of his father Michael were living. Having discovered that "dollars did not fall off trees," as Walter's older sister Natalie phrased it, Michael Polovchak decided to return to the Soviet Union. Natalie Polovchak moved into her cousins' home (she was 18 at the time), and advised her brother that he must stay with his parents. But one day later, Walter Polovchak arrived at the cousins' home. Within a week, he was granted asylum by the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS).

The elder Polovchaks returned to the Soviet Union, while Walter Polovchak was declared a ward of the state of Illinois. "I would have gone somewhere," he testified, meaning he would have gone anywhere to avoid having to return to the Soviet Union. (Mr. George Green, president of the NCLU: "Walter ran away from home because he didn't want to leave Chicago.") The Illinois Appellate Court reversed the decision which made Walter a ward of the state; the Illinois Supreme Court upheld the appellate decision; the U.S. Supreme Court refused to hear the case last year. The American Civil Liberties Union represented the Polovchak parents in the case.

"Obviously," said Mr. Harvey Grossman of the ACLU, "people who may return to totalitarian or authoritarian regimes will live with less freedom, but I don't think we as a country can follow a policy that says that whenever we want to, we can take your kids." To which one of Walter Polovchak's attorneys answered, in a now-wait-a-minute-fer-crissakes tone: "The United States, or the State of Illinois," retorted Mr. Henry Mark Holzer, "did not take Walter. Walter left. Walter defected. He wanted to be free, and he enlisted the United States Government's help to be a free boy and, eventually, a free man."

Mr. Green observed that the ACLU had taken the position "that the state should not interfere in the relationship between

parents and children unless there is neglect or abuse." But Mr. Mel Dahl, an NCLU member who works as an investigator for the Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission, replied, "First of all, taking a child to the Soviet Union is *de facto* child abuse . . . The argument that what happens to Soviet citizens is no concern of ours disgusts me. It is on the level of Adolf Eichmann's defense that he only took people to the camps and was not responsible for what happened to them after they arrived. Knowing full well what goes on in the Soviet Union, we are responsible if we shut our doors to one seeking asylum from such a fate."

Said Walter Polovchak in 1983:

"I have more freedom here. I can believe in God, go to church, and all that. In the Soviet Union, when you go to church, the teacher or someone watches you by the church and next day, when you come to school, you're gonna be in trouble. I can go anywhere I want here, and I don't have to sign papers. In the Soviet Union, you have to get permission if you want to move." And, while his lawyers work to keep bringing him breathing room until he turns 18, Walter Polovchak may also have learned: you need permission from the ACLU to remain in the United States, nyet?

—JEFFREY A. KALLMAN

## After the 'Titanic' sank, the world was not the same

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Mrs. Straus refused to leave without her husband. When someone told Mr. Straus that, in view of his age, no one could object to him entering a lifeboat, Mr. Straus declined to leave before the other men; he and his wife went down together with the *Titanic*.

Many of the richest and most socially preeminent people of that time were aboard the *Titanic*. She was not only the largest, but by far the most lavishly appointed liner of her day.

Charles Burgess, *Titanic* assistant baker, perhaps said it best in Walter Lord's book *A Night to Remember*.

"There will never be another like her. Like the *Olympic* (one of the *Titanic's* two sister ships), yes, but so much more elaborate. Take

the dining saloon. The *Olympic* didn't even have a carpet, but the *Titanic*— ah, you sank in it up to your knees. Then there's the furniture; so heavy you could hardly lift it. And that paneling . . .

"They can make them bigger and faster, but it was the care and effort that went into her. She was a beautiful, wonderful ship."

Burgess should have known. Lord spoke with Burgess during his 43rd year of service in Atlantic steamships; at the time, Burgess was a carver in the kitchen of the *Queen Elizabeth*.

The *Titanic* was also considered to be the safest liner afloat, and one of the fastest. She was divided into 16 watertight compartments and was designed to float with at least any two completely flooded. The iceberg opened six

Evidently, the worst possible disaster that was envisioned was a rupture in the hull at the junction of two watertight compartments.

Beyond the terrible loss of 1,500 lives, the sinking of the *Titanic* signalled the end of an age that perhaps was characterized by decadence and complacency, but an era that also was simpler, when life had style, and, some people, at least, could still afford a certain naivete, a quixotic gallantry. Nostalgic? Unapologetically yes.

To be sure, life was short and hard for the poor of the early 20th Century. But despite the injustices of that time, a confidence permeated much of modern society, and recent technological advancements seemed to indicate that man had finally gained substantial control of his en-

vironment and his destiny.

Man in 1912 was so presumptuous as to label a mammoth ocean liner unsinkable and then send her through the ice-infested North Atlantic in April.

The perhaps naive, certainly idealistic confidence of that age sank forever with the *Titanic*. But while the *Titanic* could be raised, the old naivete cannot.

The 20th Century would witness two World Wars, and a nuclear arms race that has caused mankind to doubt his very survival.

Although the world of 1912 has vanished forever, perhaps someday an 882-foot long piece of that world, once the pride of that world, will be retrieved from the ocean bottom.

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# Library series helps Nebraskans find roots

By STACEY WELLING

Often, immigrants of days gone by journeyed across the Atlantic and arrived at Ellis Island with little more than a handful of pocket change.

Unlike our forebears, however, second- and third-generation Americans now fly the friendly skies and never leave home without American Express Traveler's Checks.

Yet, according to an old sociological phrase of UNO philosophy and religion professor Jonathan Rosenbaum's, second and third generation Americans differ from the first generations in that "What a son wants to forget, a grandson wants to remember."

Rosenbaum said, "For first generation Americans, being American meant speaking English without an accent, attending a university if it was within their means, throwing off the stereotypes of their cultures, and not studying the language of their parents."

But, today most of our families have been here 100 to 150 years, and Rosenbaum added, "There is a real willingness for people to acknowledge their ethnic heritages."

Rosenbaum and six other UNO faculty mem-

bers will participate in a book reading and discussion series sponsored by the American Library Association entitled, *Being Ethnic, Becoming American... Struggles, Successes, and Symbols*.

Ann Sedlacek, program coordinator of the Eastern Nebraska Association of Libraries, said the series is sponsored by the Bellevue, Blair, Fremont, Omaha Swanson, and W. Dale Clark, and West Point libraries.

The series focuses on five selected books written by Hispanic, Black, Jewish, Chinese, and native American authors. The program is open and free to the public. Area residents are invited to participate in the 10 week series beginning Sept. 10 by reading the books and attending library sessions that discuss each book according to the culture it represents.

The seven UNO faculty members are among 20 humanist scholars who are involved in the series. At the beginning of each library session, a visiting scholar will make a 40-minute presentation about one of the readings and relate it to the overall theme: *Being Ethnic, Becoming American*. Participants will then form small discussion groups, and later the scholar will conclude with a wrap-up of the session.

While most of the books were written by award winning authors, Michael Carroll of the UNO Goodrich Program said that the book he will discuss, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, as well as the other books, were chosen for the series because, "they represent a body of ethnic writing that gets treated as if it isn't conventional American literature."

"The importance of reading all kinds of literature is that one realizes we are not that different. We all have hopes and dreams," said UNO assistant professor Yvonne Tixier y Vigil, who will discuss N. Scott Momaday's *The Way to Rainy Mountain*. The variety of ethnic heritages in the United States is "a great strength of America's because we can understand and reach out to the countries we came from," Tixier y Vigil added.

"This local program is part of a national project called Let's Talk About It which is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities," Sedlacek said.

Dick Allen of the Nebraska Library commission said the National Endowment for the Humanities gave \$2 million to the National Library Association to sponsor the program. The National Library Association, in turn, distributed the money in 30 grants to 30 states who applied and met the association's criteria for obtaining the grants. Allen estimated that the first grants were given in 1983, and he said Nebraska re-

ceived one of \$18,500 in 1984.

There are five other national themes for the Let's Talk About It programs around the country, Allen said. He added that Nebraska's theme was decided upon last year by the Nebraska Library Association "because of our large number of ethnic populations."

Eugene Freund, UNO professor of teacher education, will discuss Paul Cowan's *An Orphan in History*. Freund said Alex Haley's *Roots* helped stimulate the Let's Talk About It being ethnic, becoming American theme because 85 percent of American households watched the television series *Roots*, and many people became interested in their own ethnic heritage.

Another book in the series is *Woman Warrior* by Maxine Hong Kingston, and is about Chinese-Americans in San Francisco. UNO German professor Maurice Conner said *Woman Warrior* is an autobiography particularly focusing on her family. He described Kingston as "a product of both cultures; she had one foot in one culture and one foot in another, and was trying to reconcile her Chineseness with her Americanness."

Carroll said that a film series will accompany the Omaha library lecture series at the Peter Kiewit Conference Center on 13th and Farnam Streets. He said the films will represent the ethnic-American cultures the books portray.

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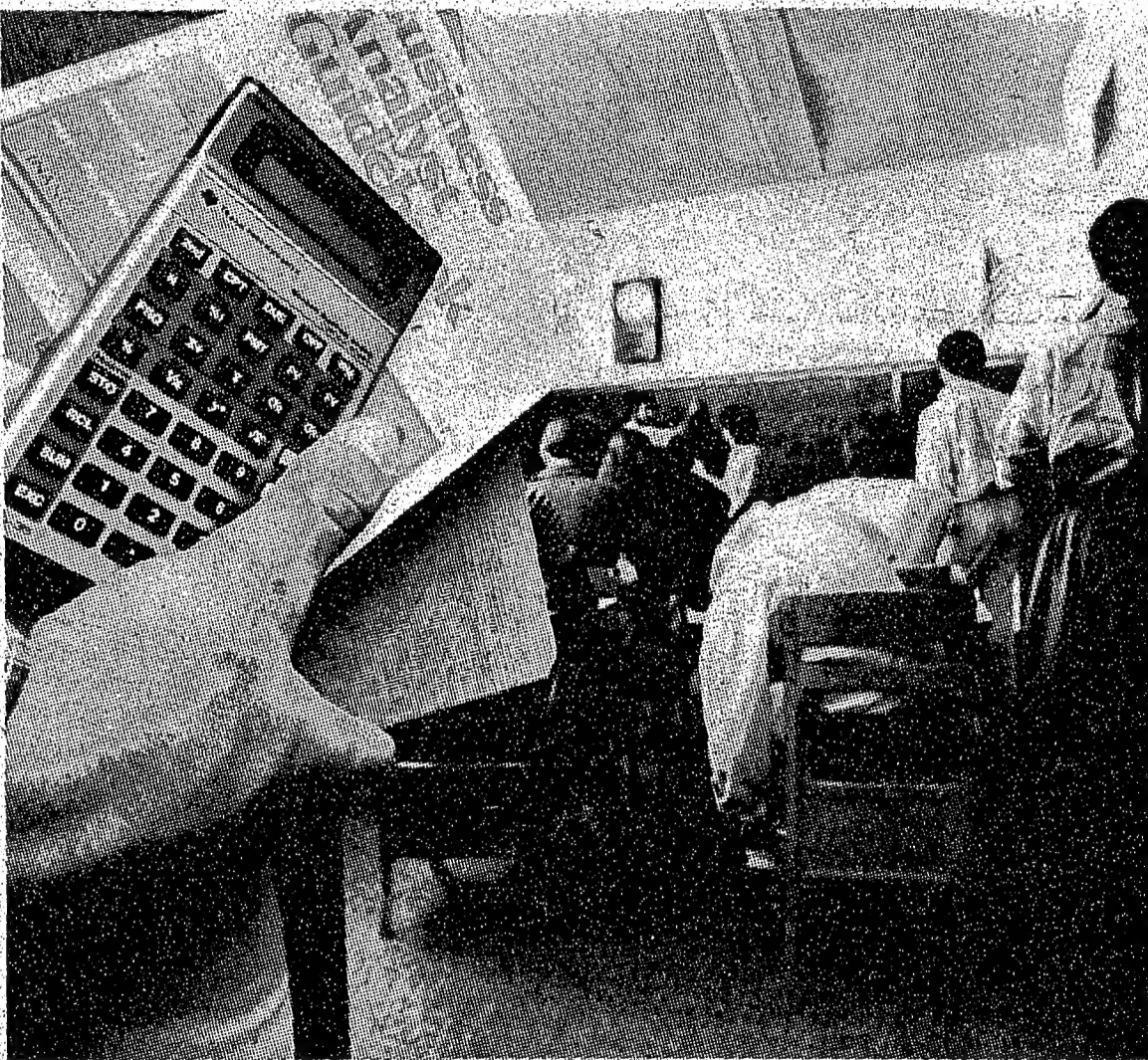
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# Clever staging, vivacity makes 'Barnum' 'the greatest'

Sparkling color and razz-ma-tazz take over the stage in The Omaha Community Playhouse's production of *Barnum*.

Charles Jones directs the bright musical comedy delineating the life and times of P. T. Barnum.

Barnum spent his life as the "Prince of Humbug," claiming "there's a sucker born every minute." From a small-time promoter of "educational curiosities" Barnum turned his natural flair for hype into "The Greatest Show on Earth."

The relationship between Barnum and his conservative wife, Chairy, is the backbone of this biographical sketch. Most of the dialogue and conflicts serve only as a set-up for the songs. The rousing music by Cy Coleman and Michael Stewart harmonizes with the exuberant activity on stage — juggling, tumbling, dancing and aerial feats.

Although few of the actors in *Barnum* are skilled in circus-oriented arts, the action on stage is manipulated to create the illusion of a circus atmosphere.

The costumes designed by Denise Ervin are a glissando of color rippling across the stage. More than any other single element in the play, the costuming conveys the spirit of the circus and defines individual characters. Chairy Barnum usually wears browns, the material a

hodgepodge of folksy patterns. Her rival in love, Jenny Lind, is bedecked with satiny pink.

David Landis expends a tremendous amount of energy on stage in the role of P. T. Barnum. His gestures do not always match his dialogue, but Landis is comic and sweet as the fast-talking entrepreneur.

Barnum's wife, Chairy, is played by his wife, Melodee Landis. The part is written as too sy-

## Review

range. Landis has a pleasant voice and smile, her lightness matches the overall tone.

Mary Eby is convincingly coy as The Swedish Nightingale, Jenny Lind.

The clever staging and vivacity of the entire cast is what made *Barnum* a hit with the audience. Popcorn, peanut and punch were offered before the show while barkers and performers moved among the crowd. The second act opens with a brass band marching up the Playhouse aisles.

*Barnum* lives up to its name as an extravaganza, a tribute to one man's imagination.

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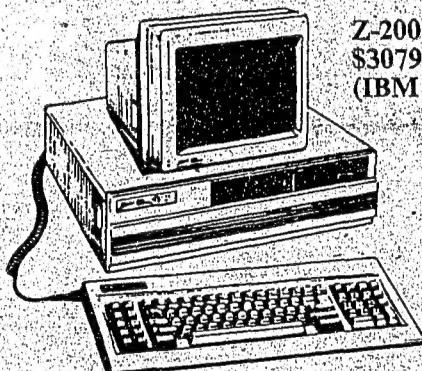
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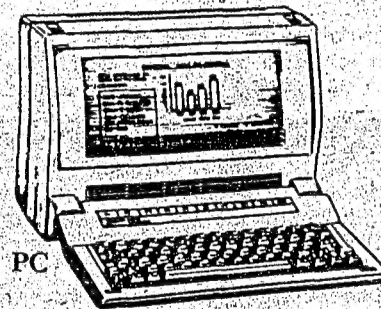
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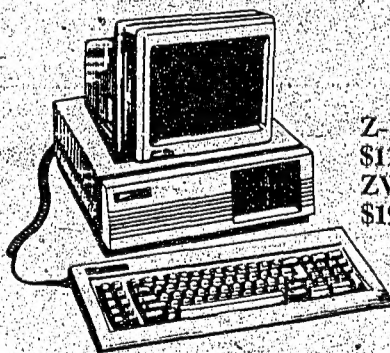
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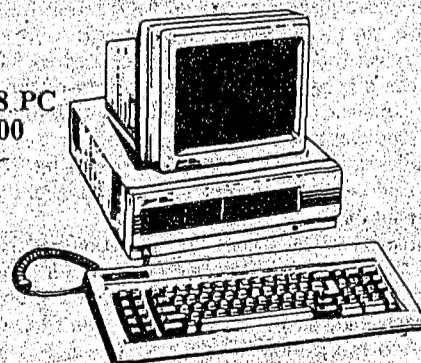
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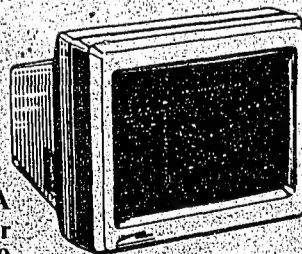
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# Sports

## Mavs get 'decisive win' despite youth and inexperience

By TIM JENSEN

Despite a young bunch of players, the UNO football team turned up the heat Saturday night outscoring the Central Missouri State Mules 34-6.

An estimated 7,100 fans braved the 90-degree heat to watch the Mavericks pile up 437 total yards on offense while holding the Mules to 200 total yards.

Overcoming youth and inexperience on offense, UNO scored more points Saturday night than in any game last season.

The Mavs began their first scoring drive after senior defensive cornerback Dan Nielsen recovered a Mule fumble at the UNO 24-yard line.

Only a few minutes into the first quarter, the Mavericks marched the ball 76 yards in ten plays culminating in a one-yard touchdown plunge by senior fullback Mark Gurley. Junior kicker Greg Morris missed the extra point leaving the score at UNO, 6 and CMSU, 0.

On the Mules' next possession, they again turned the ball over as UNO's junior linebacker Keith Coleman intercepted a Mule pass at the UNO 48-yard line.

UNO lost the ball on its second play when a pass by junior quarterback Scott Jamieson was tipped into the hands of a Mule defender, giving CMSU the ball at their own 47-yard line.

The Mavs got the ball right back two plays later when sophomore safety Shawn Sich recovered a Mule fumble at UNO's 44-yard line.

Four plays and 56 yards later, Gurley crossed the goal line on a 12-yard burst, giving UNO a 12-0 lead. Jamieson's pass attempt for two points failed.

CMSU tried a 47-yard field goal near the end of the first quarter, but it sailed wide to the right.

After a UNO fumble, the Mules moved 38 yards in seven plays for their first score. They missed the extra point making the score UNO, 12 and CMSU, 6.

UNO's Jamieson went to the air late in the half, moving the ball 67 yards in 13 plays, hitting senior split end James Quaites in the end zone for the score. Jamieson again hit Quaites for the two-point conversion making the score 20-6 at halftime.

UNO began the second half at their own 20-yard line. Thirteen plays and 80 yards later, Jamieson hit Quaites for a 21-yard scoring pass. Morris added the extra point to make the score UNO, 27 and CMSU, 6.

Sophomore quarterback Rick Majerus led the Mavs to their last score in the fourth quarter, hitting sophomore flanker Tim Krof for a 36-yard TD strike. Morris added the extra point to seal the score at UNO, 34 and CMSU 6.

After the game, head coach Sandy Buda said, "A win's a win whether it's pretty or ugly. The defense looked quick and played extremely well. Offense took advantage." He said turnovers were a problem for the Mavs with one fumble and one pass interception. "We've got to take better care of the ball," Buda said.

The Mavericks proved they could move the ball despite inexperienced players at quarterback and in the offensive line.

"We can throw more, but when you're averaging five yards a carry on the ground, there's no need to," Quaites said. He said the offensive line gave him plenty of time to get the ball from Jamieson. Quaites ended the night with five receptions for 60 yards and two touchdowns.

Jamieson, who hit 13 out of 24 passes for 182 yards and two TDs said he "felt good reading the defense. I've got one game under my belt and I'm ready to go."

Jamieson said he hasn't won a starting position at quarterback yet. "Not yet, one game won't do it. I'll probably start next week. I've just got to keep doing what I'm doing."

Coach Buda said the night's heat didn't have that much of an effect on the game. "If anything, it was a factor in our favor. Our number two players did a good job coming in for us."

Buda said the game didn't help answer the question of whether Jamieson or Majerus will be starting quarterback. "Both performed well, both have the ability, and they both lived up to our expectations."

The bad things to come out of Saturday's victory were injuries to sophomore offensive guard Mike McIntyre and freshman punter Jeff Podraza. McIntyre went down in the third quarter with a knee injury and could be out for the year. Podraza slightly injured his knee, but Buda said he should be okay for the Mavs next game.

Buda said his coaches had done a good job preparing the team for the season opener.

The inexperienced players who made Buda nervous before the first game performed successfully. The young offensive line opened the holes for 204 yards in rushing, and gave the quarterbacks time to pile up 233 yards in passing. The Mav defensive backfield, totally wiped out by graduation, held the Mules to 91 yards through the air.

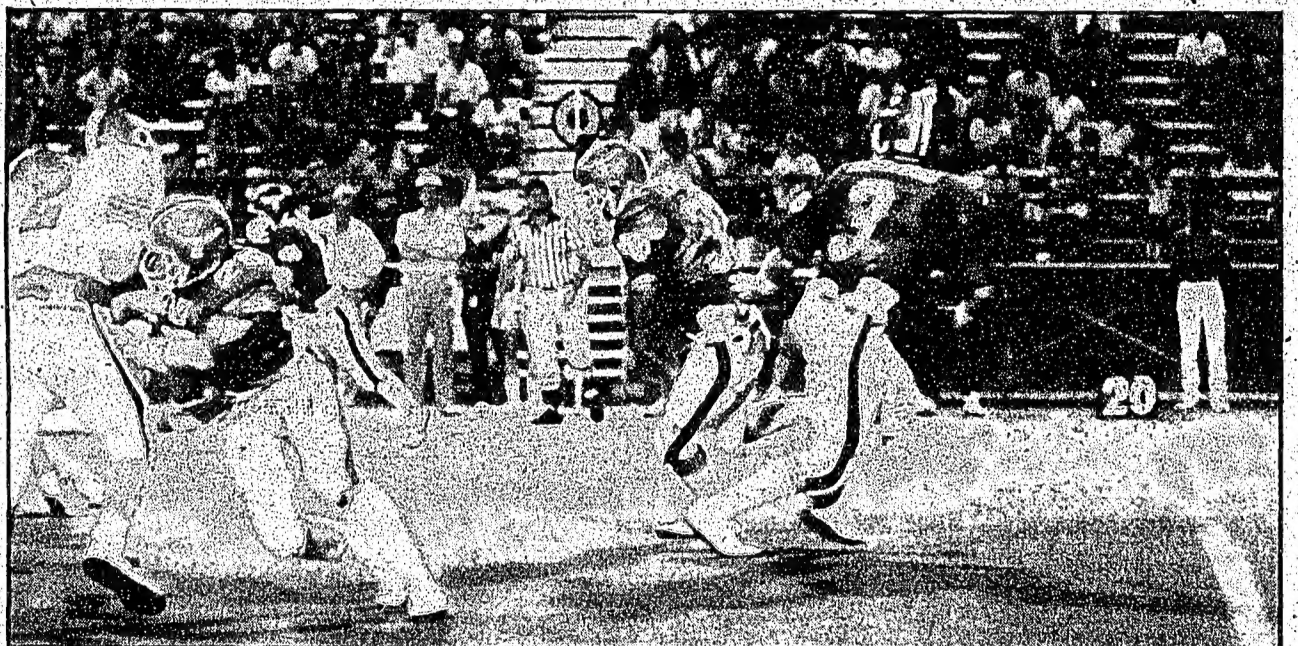
Coach Buda said Majerus passed well in the game even though he threw the ball only four times completing three. Majerus could have completed more passes, Buda said, they didn't want to run the score up on CMSU.

The Mavericks, now 1-0, take on Kearney State next Saturday in Kearney at 7:30 p.m.



—Roger Tunis

UNO's Terry Allen (No. 87) catches pass early in first quarter to set up the Mavs first score.



—Roger Tunis

UNO Quarterback Scott Jamieson (No. 3) hands the ball off to running back Steve Macaitis (No. 32) for a two yard gain early in the second quarter.

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# 'No wasted time' for new offensive coordinator



—Roger Tunis

Coach Thompson keeps a watchful eye on his offense during practice.

By TIM JENSEN

Last March, Bobby Thompson became the new offensive coordinator and athletic business manager at UNO. Three months later in June, Thompson became acting athletic director for UNO to replace Don Leahy who left to become athletic director at Creighton University.

"It's made the job more exciting," said Thompson of his new job. He said the dual role hasn't become a burden yet because everyone in the athletic department has been "extremely cooperative."

Like anything involved with athletics, Thompson said there must be a team effort. "We're all in there helping each other," he said. "I hate the thought of having to fight with anyone to get the job done, and here I haven't had to."

Besides a group of helpful people on the coaching staff, Thompson said he looks to his young spirited players to make his job easier.

"We're a young football team," said Thompson, "but we're gonna grow up as the season goes along."

Thompson said the players definitely have the ability; they just need to adjust to one another. "A lot of these guys have never played in a college football game," Thompson said.

There are a few players on the UNO squad who have played some games, and Thompson now looks to those players for leadership on the offense.

Thompson is looking to players like senior split end James Quaites, junior flanker Terry Allen, junior fullback Jeff Hardick, and senior center Jerry Kripal, to lead the younger players on the offense.

"They're working hard at it," said Thompson of his team leaders. "It will just take some time to readjust to the new players. Right now our biggest plus is our attitude. We all have good work habits."

The Mavericks run a pro set offense which is geared to the passing game. Many times, only one running back is left in the backfield to block for the quarterbacks, while the other backs and receivers move downfield to catch passes.

Thompson said his offensive players are best suited for this type of game.

"We're definitely going to throw the football," Thompson said; but he said the Mavs can't get locked into throwing the ball every game or they will be too easy to defend. Thompson said he knows opposing teams expect the Maverick offense to throw the ball, so he hopes the running game will benefit from the passing threat.

Thompson said the speed of Maverick running backs and receivers matches up with anyone on the UNO schedule, and the size and strength of his players are also to be reckoned with in the North Central Conference.

The Mavericks have trained hard in the weight room throughout the off-season, improving their strengths and speeds. Thompson said the main advantage of weight training has been the decrease of injuries on the field.

"There's no question about it. Weight training is the best thing to happen to college athletics," Thompson said.

Thompson, as well as the rest of the coaching staff, hopes the Mavericks will remain healthy throughout the season.

Thompson said he doesn't know how long he will be offensive coordinator, business manager, and athletic director, but he doesn't mind the wait.

"You must have to budget your time carefully," Thompson said. "There's no wasted time when you're coaching and being athletic director at the same time."

With a laugh Thompson said, "If this was work, I'd get out of it."

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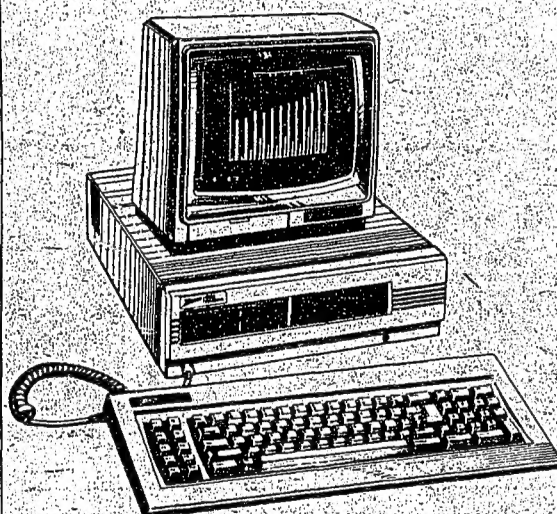
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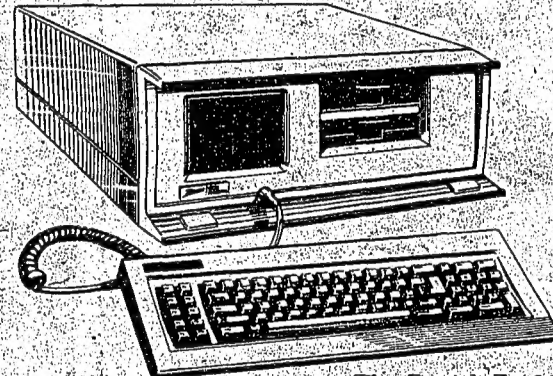
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# Lady Mavs begin season with winning streak

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

UNO's volleyball season began on an ominous note. The Lady Mavs had managed but one point after a complete rotation — all six players had served, and trailed Wayne State 4-1 before regrouping for a 15-8, 15-9, 15-1 win at the Fieldhouse Wednesday.

UNO also had a slow start at the Missouri-St. Louis Invitational weekend tournament. It lost its first game but won its next 13 in a row defeating six opponents. The title match went to Central Missouri State 9-15, 15-2, 15-9, but UNO coach Janice Kruger was not unhappy.

"It was a pretty good tournament," she said. "I hope we learn from it and use it to our benefit." Wayne was also a learning experience.

"At first, we were a little nervous," said sophomore Angie Oswald. The Northwest Missouri State transfer had nine assists in her first match as a Lady Mav. Oswald wasn't the only newcomer that played well.

"I was really nervous," said sophomore Lisa Lyons, who played in 20 matches for the 47-15 Lady Mavs last year. "My parents were watching and I didn't want to embarrass them, and (UNO Coach Janice Kruger) was watching, and I didn't want to embarrass her."

Lyons, who played in her first match as a setter, didn't em-

barrass anybody but Wayne State. She finished with 10 assists and added four kill-spikes. "I played good, not great," she said. "I'm getting better."

Sophomore middle blocker Lori Schutte started the final two games that UNO dominated. Schutte, who played in 30 matches in 1984, hit .500 with four kill-spikes, three service aces, two block solos, a block assist and two dig-saves against Wayne. "I felt very comfortable," she said.

UNO's two seniors sparked the win. Kathy Knudsen had six kills but it was her poised serving that netted the win. She served five consecutive points in game No. 2 two as UNO overcame a 3-0 deficit to lead 5-3. In game No. 3, she broke open a 4-1 UNO lead to 9-1. She finished with six service aces and added seven dig-saves.

Renee Rezac began her senior year with a couple of return errors and was substituted. "It was first-game jitters even though I'm a senior," she said. "It takes me awhile to warm up." She led UNO with seven kill-spikes on nine attempts in two games.

Regina Rule added five kill-spikes and Ann O'Hara had four. Allie Nuzum, last year's third-leading hitter, had only two kills on just five attempts. Kruger was disappointed that the setters didn't assist her more in three games. "We've got to try to figure out how to get Allie the ball a little bit more," Kruger

said.

Kruger was generally pleased with the play of the setters. She said Oswald just has to get experience working with UNO's hitters, "where they hit best and when they hit best."

She added that Lyons showed some leadership qualities. "That's new for Lisa," she said. "She called people off the ball and stepped in to set."

Kruger was upset by the team's defense. "I thought we could play better defense than we played," she said. "The team didn't seem ready to play defense."

"Wayne blocked pretty well," she added. She said she didn't know if that was because Wayne had good blockers or because UNO failed to block.

At St. Louis, UNO lost to Southern Indiana in game No. 1 but recovered to win 13-15, 15-9, 15-4. UNO then swept consecutive opponents, Southeast Missouri State 15-7, 15-2; Northeast Missouri 15-3, 15-6; Grand Valley 15-8, 15-12; Northeast Missouri 15-8, 15-7; and Southern Indiana 15-6, 15-7.

In the championship game No. 2, Central Missouri State scored 10 consecutive points and UNO never recovered. "We kind of panicked," Kruger said.

After meeting UNL in Lincoln Tuesday, the Lady Mavs now 7-1 on the season, play Northeast Missouri State, 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Fieldhouse.

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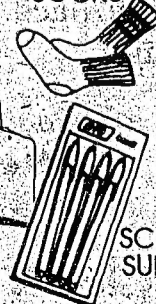
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## Sports Opinion Sick of Huskers

The first Saturday of "Big Red Fever" is behind us now. Despite weeks of pre-game analysis, the game pitting Nebraska against Florida State still had to be played to decide a winner.

Every year I think the bombardment of "Husker Mania" will cease or even lessen a little, but every year it gets worse. I wonder if it gets worse because the public demands it, or if the sports media caught themselves in a vicious cycle of building Nebraska football into a religion. I think they have.

Some folks do desire all the Husker news they currently get from the media while some, like me, have had their fill. Maybe a losing season would help people realize that the men who play football at Nebraska are merely human and not always able to overcome opposition.

Many of us, myself included, were gathered around the television or radio Saturday to watch or listen to the weekly ritual. The ritual was 73,650 fans sacrificing their bodies to sizzling temperatures to watch the Huskers do their thing on a field that could fry an egg.

There's always someone at every Nebraska game party you go to who knocks Nebraska football. Everyone who is an avid Husker fan will harass that dissenter while Big Red is winning, but once the Huskers fall behind, an eerie silence fills the room.

Those who are truly devout will cheer on the Huskers even as they lose, while the more temperamental fans will recede within themselves in angry solitude. It's usually at this point

when that one dissenter will take the pulpit. He will usually laugh at Husker failures and cheer for the opposition. If he's really angry and well-informed, he will mention Husker athletic budgets, athletic scholarships, player intelligence, and an expensive training table facility.

With the facts supplied to us by the media, we are indoctrinated to believe that the Huskers should be unbeatable. They recruit blue chip high school players and put them in an atmosphere not unlike a plush health club equipped with tutors and feeding troughs. These guys should be better.

But, we are still eager to attend a Husker football party even if we know the party will stink if they lose. Well, maybe it won't stink. Everyone can get drunk out of their minds and still have a good time anyway. Sometimes those can be the best parties.

Whether you like it or not, no matter where you hide, the next 16 weeks of your life will be drastically altered by a phenomenon over which you have no control. Maybe some day Coach Osborne will make a trip to South Africa to profess the gospel of "Husker Mania."

Maybe then people in this area will realize that truly good football can be found outside Memorial Stadium. Maybe those who are lost and disillusioned about their loss of "Big Red Fever" will stumble their way through the construction equipment and find Al Caniglia Field. There they would find an enjoyable sporting event without all the hype and hysteria.

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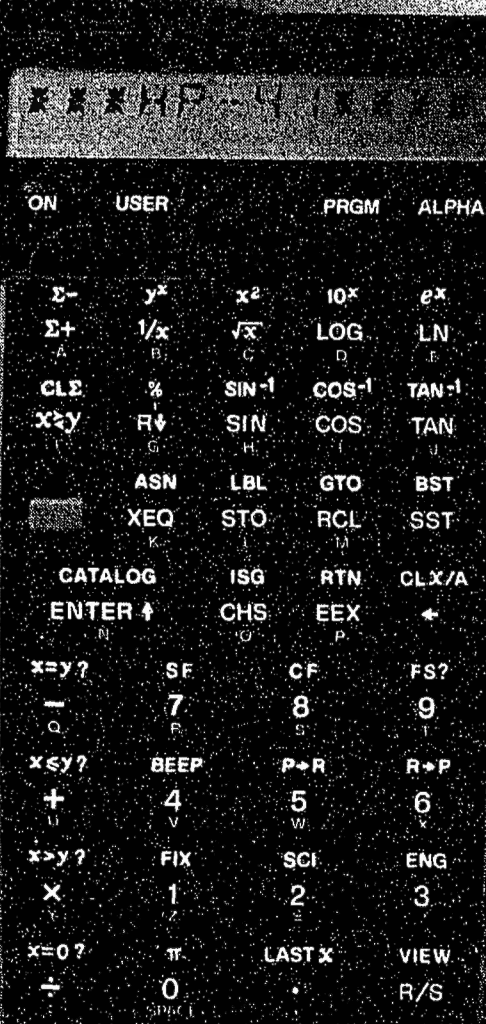
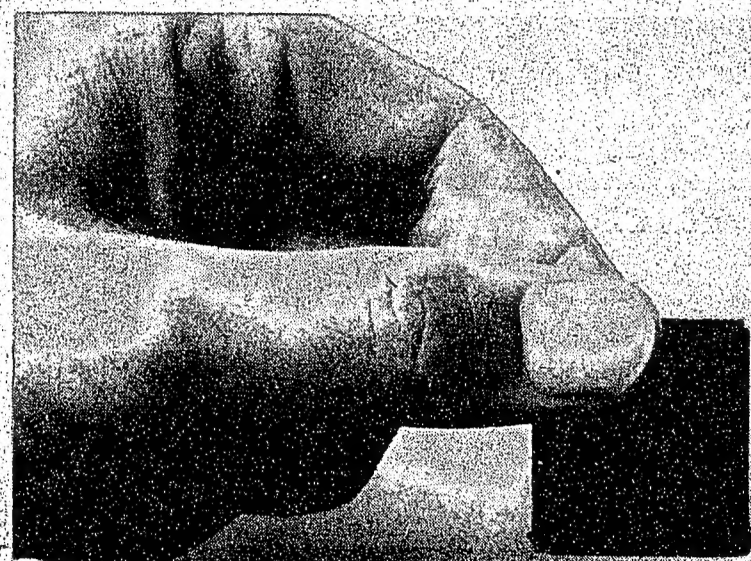
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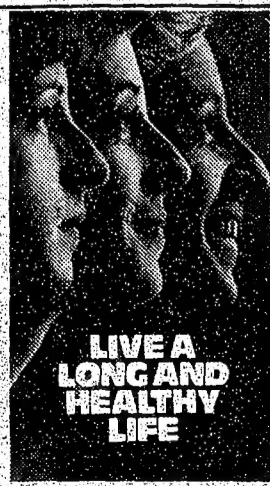
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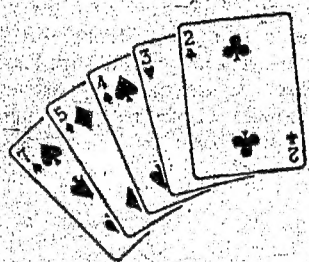
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